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For: **PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL PERCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION
CONTAINING NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG AND
INTERLEUKIN-1 ALPHA PRODUCTION INHIBITOR**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper, along with a request for continued examination, is submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the final Official Action dated January 15, 2009. The three month shortened statutory period for response expires April 15, 2009. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears on page 12 of this paper.